

## **World Database of Happiness**

Correlational Findings
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# **Findings on Happiness & FARMING**

**Correlate Code: F 4** 

Classification of	f Findings	Number of Studies		
Correlate Code	Correlate Name	on this Subject		
F 4	FARMING	0		
F 4.1	Farming career	2		
F 4.2	Current involvement in farming	0		
F 4.2.1	Being a farmer	0		
F 4.2.2	Being wife of a farmer	0		
F 4.2.3	Time spend to farming	2		
F 4.3	Current characteristics of the farm	6		
F 4.3.1	Size of farm	4		
F 4.3.2	Specialization of farm	5		
F 4.3.3	Economic success of farm	4		
F 4.4	Attitudes to farming	2		
F 4.4.1	Concern about farming	2		
F 4.4.2	Satisfaction with farming	0		
F 4.2.4	Self reliance	3		
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Appendix 4:	Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness			
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Study BRINK 1986A Page in Report: 164

Reported in: Brinkerhoff, M & Jacob, J

Quality of life in an alternative lifestyle. The smallholding movement.

Social Indicators Research 18, p 153-173

Population: Back to the land' mini-farmers, West USA and Canada,198?

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: 510

N: 44 %

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Farming career Code: F 4.1

Measurement: Self report

Measured Values: range 0-60 M=6.4

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a r=+.08 p<.05

Study JACOB 1997 Page in Report: 192

Reported in: Jacob, J. & Brinkerhoff, M.

Values, performance and subjective well-being in the sustainability movement; an

Social Indicators Research: , 1997, vol 42, pag 171-204

Population: 'Back to the land' mini farmers, USA,1989

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: 58.2%

N: 565

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Farming career Code: F 4.1

Measurement: Childhood farm experience

1. great deal

2. some

3. Not very much

4. None

Measured Values: in percentages: Male: 1:34, 2:22; 3:19; 4:24; Female: 1:20; 2:25; 3:24; 4:30.

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

## **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query	Statistics	3	Remarks	
O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a	r=+	ns	Ss, who value technical self irrespectible of their performance of their performance of the performance of t	rmance (N=±280) r=+.06 ns r=+.02 ns r=+.02 ns  Production high, nce, (N=±280) r=+.10 ns r=+.07 ns
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Study MOLNA 1985 Page in Report: 150/156

Reported in: Molnar, J.J.

Determinants of subjective well-being among farm operators: characteristics of the

Rural Sociology, Vol 50, 1985, pp. 141-162

Population: Farm operators, Alabama, USA, 1981

Sample:

Non-Response: 29,9%

N: 705

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Time spend to farming Code: F 4.2.3

Measurement: Single closed question rated on a 6-point scale ranging from

'none' to '200 days or more'

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/l/9/a r=+.07 ns

r=+.07 ns

Beta=+.1 p<.01 ß controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm

income, total family income, land operated, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment to farming, economic constraints, self-definition, age, and

educati on.

When specified for size of farm:

-small B=+.23 -medium B=+.19 -large B=+.03

Beta=+.1 p<.01 ß controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm

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#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Time spend to farming Code: F 4.2.3

Measurement: Single closed question: "What percen-

tage of your total family income was from farming?"

Rated on a 5-point scale ranging from '0 to 19 percent' to '80 to

100 percent'.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/l/9/a r=+.08 p<.05

r=+.08 p<..05

Beta=+.1 p<.05 ß controlled for: gross farm sales, land operated,

total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment to farming, economic constraints, self-definition, age, and

educati on.

When specified for size of farm:

-small  $\beta$ =+.08 -medium  $\beta$ =+.16 -large  $\beta$ =+.02

Beta=+.1 p<.05 ß controlled for: gross farm sales, land operated,

total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment to farming, economic constraints, self-definition, age, and

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When specified for size of farm:

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Page in Report: 272 **BRINK 1997C** Study

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Basic minimum needs, Quality of life and selected correlates: explorations in villages

Social Indicators Research, 42, p 245-281

Population: Adult, general public, two poor rural villages, Garhwal area, Northern India, 1996

Sample: Non-probability purposive-quota sample

Non-Response: 341

> N: not rep

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Current characteristics of the farm Code: F 4.3

Measurement: not reprted

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a p<.001 r=+.18 O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a r=+.21 p<.001

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Measurement: not reported

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a r=+.20 p<.001 O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a r=+.06 ns Study

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Measurement: not reported

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks:

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Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a r=-.02 ns O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a r=-.10 ns

Page in Report: 192 Study **JACOB 1997** 

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Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: 58.2%

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#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Current characteristics of the farm Code: F 4.3

PERFORMANCE scale is: Technological Self Measurement:

Reliance(TSR). Index calculated by multiplying tools or

technology, possessed by a respondent by the efficiency rating claimed for the particular technology, resulting in the sum of the

efficiency rating for each of the 25 tools.

The tools are: 1. garden, 2. greenhouse, 3. root cellar, 4. fish pond, 5. solar heat, 6. pigs, 7. wood lot, 8. wood stove heat, 9. wood stove cooking, 10. composting privy, 11. hydro-electric system, 12. graywater(waste water) 13. solar water heater, 14. chickens, 15. goats, 16. beef cattle, 17. milk cow(s) 18. sheep, 19. wind power, 20. weeder geese, 21. bees, 22. fruit trees, 23. butcher larger

anaimals, 24. photo voltaic power, 45. work horses.

Efficiency is evaluated by asking the respondents about the effectiveness of the tool items of 'providing your family with independence or self-reliance from a one (not at all effective) to

four(very effective point sequence.

The TSR index-scores have a theoretical range between 0-100

Measured Values:

Print date: 7-2-2003

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics

O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a r = +.05Ss, who value technical self reliance high,

irrespectible of their performance (N=±280) r=+. 26 p<. 005 -high Country Asceticism -high Homestead Production r=+. 27 p<. 005 -high Ecological Sensitivity r=+. 18 p<. 005

Ss, who value Homestead Food Production high, irrespectable their performance,  $(N=\pm 280)$ 

-high Country Asceticism r=+.32 p<.005 -high Homestead Production r=+.32 p<.005 -high Ecological Sensitivity r=+.22 p<.005

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Reported in: Moller, V.

**MOLLE 1988** 

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Social Indicators Research, Vol. 20, 1988, pp. 621-658

Population: Ex-migrant workers, returned to rural KwaZulu, South Africa, 1983

Sample:

Non-Response:

Study

N: 253

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Current characteristics of the farm Code: F 4.3

*Measurement:* 0: i nsecure 1: secure

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/a r=+.33 p<.01 All

Beta=+.1 ns -65 years old

ß controlled for:

1 Satisfied with health
2 Higher monthly income
3 Religious traditionalist

4 Grows cash crop

5 Retired for many years

6 Worked for many years in jobs 7 No desire to return to work

8 Achi eved/confident of becoming weal thy

O-SLW/u/sq/v/5/d r=+.26 p<.01

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Population: Farm operators, Alabama, USA, 1981

Sample:

Non-Response: 29,9%

> N: 705

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Current characteristics of the farm Code: F 4.3

Measurement: 'Farm structure charisteristics':

- gross farm sales - I and operated

- percent farm income - total family income - off-farm workdays - wife's work status

'Individual characteristics':

- growth plans

- commitment to farming - economic constraints

- self-definition as a farm operator

- age

- education

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/I/9/a  $R^2 = .21$ When specified for size of farm:

- small :  $R^2 = .19$  $R^2 = .30$ - medium:  $R^2 = .18$ - large :

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### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Size of farm Code: F 4.3.1

self reported amount of acres of mini-farm Measurement:

Measured Values: range 0-1000

M = 10.2

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a r=+.09 p<.05 Study

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#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Size of farm Code: F 4.3.1

Measurement: Livestock index summates the number of animals the family owns,

e.g. oxen, water buffalo, chickens.

Measured Values:

Print date: 7-2-2003

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a r=+.03 ns O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a r=+.07 ns

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#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Size of farm Code: F 4.3.1

Measurement: Single direct question: 'What was the approximale gross value of

farm sales from this place in 1980. Rated on a 7-point scale

ranging from \$ 2.500 to

\$ 100.000 or more.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/l/9/a r=+.16 p<.05

r=+.16 p<..05

Beta=+.0 ns ß controlled for: land operated, percent farm

income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment to farming, economic constraints, self-definition,

age, and education.

When specified for size of farm:

-small  $\beta$ =+.04 -medium  $\beta$ =-.09 -large  $\beta$ =-.08

Beta=+.0 ns ß controlled for: land operated, percent farm

income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment to farming, economic constraints, self-definition,

age, and education.

When specified for size of farm:

-small B=+.04 -medium B=-.09 -large B=-.08

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#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Size of farm Code: F 4.3.1

Measurement: Sum of 'acress owned' and 'acres rented' minus acres rented out.

Summarized in 7 categories ranging form 'less than 50 acres' ot

'1000 or more'.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/I/9/a r=+.11 p<.05

r=+.11 p<..05

Beta=-.0 ns Controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm

income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment toto farming, economic constraints, self-definition,

age, and education.

When specified for size of farm:

-small  $\beta$ =-.02 -medium  $\beta$ =-.12 -large  $\beta$ =+.01

Beta=-.0 ns B controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm

income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment toto farming, economic constraints, self-definition,

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Population: Ex-migrant workers, returned to rural KwaZulu, South Africa, 1983

Sample:

Non-Response:

253

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Specialization of farm Code: F 4.3.2

Measurement: 0: no

1: yes

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks: Landowners only

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indicates positive relationship. Present version approved by author.

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

AΠ O-HL/c/sq/v/5/a r=-.41 p<.01

> Landowners only Beta=-.1 p<.01

B control I ed for: Direction of correlation unclear in original report. Satisfied with relationship. Present version approved by author. Higher affluence rating

Need to purchase maize

Religious traditionalist 4

5 Has a confidant Keeps goats 6

Higher monthly income

More active person

9 Worked for many years in jobs10 Retired for many years

11 No desire to return to work

12 Agrees: Modern community Leader

Beta=-.2 p<.01 65+ years old ß controlled for: Seldom restricted by poor health Higher affluence rating Need to purchase maize Religious traditionalist More active person Keeps chicken 6 Has a confident 8 Higher standard house 9 Keeps goats 10 Larger size field 11 Higher monthly income 12 No desire to return to work -65 years Beta=-.1 p<.05 ß controlled for: Satisfied with health Higher monthly income Religious traditionalist Feel's land is secure Retired for many years Worked for many years in jobs 6 No desire to return to work Achi eved/confi dent of becoming weal thy O-SLW/u/sq/v/5/d AΠ r=+.26 p<.01 65+ years old Beta=+.1 p<.05 ß controlled for: Satisfied with health Voluntary retirement Need to purchase maize 3 Owns cattle 4 5 Keeps chicken Satisfied with job while working 7 Feels relatively young

8

Retired suddenly

Agrees: planning is key to success

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Non-Response:

N: 253

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Specialization of farm Code: F 4.3.2

Measurement: 'How many cattle do you own?'

0: none 1: other

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks: Landowners only

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/a r=+.09 ns

O-SLW/u/sq/v/5/d r=+.06 ns All

Beta=+.1 p<.05 65+ years old

B controlled for:

- 1 Satisfied with health
- 2 Grows cash crop
- 3 Voluntary retirement
- 4 Need to purchase maize
- 5 Keeps chicken
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#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Specialization of farm Code: F 4.3.2

0: self-supporting Measurement:

1: need to buy (not self-supporting)

Peasants are typically self-supporting

in maize, whereas market oriented farmers buy it.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks: Landowners only

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### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

Al I O-HL/c/sq/v/5/a r=-.43 p<.01

> Landowners only Al I Beta=-.1 p<.01

Direction of correlation unclear in original report. B control I ed for: Sign in table is negative, but text indicates positive
Satisfied with relationship. Present version approved by author.

Grows cash crop

Religious traditionalist

Has a confidant

Keeps goats

Higher monthly income

8 More active person

Worked for many years in jobs

10 Retired for many years

11 No desire to return to work

12 Agrees: Modern community leader

Beta=-.1 p<.01 65+ years old

ß controlled for:

- 1 Seldom restricted by poor health
- 2 Higher affluence rating
- 3 Grows cash crop
- 4 Religious traditionalist
- 5 More active person
- 6 Keeps chicken
- 7 Has a confident
- 8 Higher standard house
- 9 Keeps goats
- 10 Larger size field
- 11 Higher monthly income
- 12 No desire to return to work

O-SLW/u/sq/v/5/d r=+.29 p<.01 All

Beta=+.0 ns 65+ years old

ß controlled for:

- 1 Satisfied with health
- 2 Grows cash crop
- 3 Voluntary retirement
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Sample:

Non-Response:

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#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Specialization of farm Code: F 4.3.2

Measurement: 'How many goats do you own?"

0: none

1: other

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/a r=+.24 p<.01 All

Beta=+.1 p<.01 Al I

1 Satisfied with health

2 Higher affluence rating

3 Need to purchase maize

4 Grows cash crop

5 Religious traditionalist

6 Has a confidant

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### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/a r=+.31 p<.01 All

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Beta=+.0 ns 65+ years old Direction of correlation unclear in original report.

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Beta=+.2 p<.05

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Class: Economic success of farm Code: F 4.3.3

Measurement: Percentage of a family's food, that the respondents claimed was

produced for their smallholding. The Homestaed Food Production

index has a range between 0 and 100 per cent.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

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N: 705

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Economic success of farm Code: F 4.3.3

Measurement: Single closed question: How do you see yourself? Rated on a 5-

point scale: small farm operator / average farmer / progressive

farmer / more-progressive-than-most farmer / innovator.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/l/9/a r=+.20 p<.05

r=+.20 p<..05

Study MOLNA 1985 Page in Report: 150/156

Reported in: Molnar, J.J.

Determinants of subjective well-being among farm operators: characteristics of the

Rural Sociology, Vol 50, 1985, pp. 141-162

Population: Farm operators, Alabama, USA, 1981

Sample:

Non-Response: 29,9%

N: 705

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Economic success of farm Code: F 4.3.3

Measurement: 6-item index. The respondents were asked to what extent they

thought each of the following would hinder or help the future survival or growth of their farms, that is, their ability to

expand or just stay in business:

Interest rate.
 Price of land.

3. Price of hired farm labor.

4. Availability of labor.

5. Cost of new technology ormachinery.

6. The price of fuel.

Rated on a 5-point scale ranging from 'hinder a lot' to 'help a

lot'.

Measured Values:

Print date: 7-2-2003

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/l/9/a r=-.17 p<.05

r=-.17 p<..05

Beta=-.1 p<.05 ß controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm

income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment to farming, land operated, self-definition, age, and

education.

When specified for size of farm:

 Beta=-.1 p<.05

B controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, commitment to farming, land operated, self-definition, age, and education.

When specified for size of farm:

- -small B=-. 13
- -I arge B=+. 18

Study

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Molnar, J.J. Reported in:

Determinants of subjective well-being among farm operators: characteristics of the

Rural Sociology, Vol 50, 1985, pp. 141-162

Population: Farm operators, Alabama, USA, 1981

**MOLNA 1985** 

Sample:

Non-Response: 29,9%

> N: 705

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Economic success of farm Code: F 4.3.3

Measurement: 5-item index of closed questions. The respondents were asked

whether they planned to:

1 Buy or lease more land and expend the

operations.

2 Expend the animal herd.

3 Get into a new animal enterprise.

4 Construct new buildings.

5 Facilities.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/l/9/a r = +.04ns

> r=+.04 ns

B controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm Beta=-.0 ns

income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, land operated, commitment to farming, economic constraints, self-definition,

age, and education.

When specified for size of farm:

-small B = -.03-medium B=-.03 -large ß=+. 14

Correlate Code: F 4

Beta=-.0 ns

B controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, land operated, commitment to farming, economic constraints, self-definition, age, and education.

When specified for size of farm:

-small  $\beta$ =-.03 -medium  $\beta$ =-.03 -large  $\beta$ =+.14

Page in Report: 164 **BRINK 1986A** Study

Brinkerhoff, M & Jacob, J Reported in:

Quality of life in an alternative lifestyle. The smallholding movement.

Social Indicators Research 18, p 153-173

Population: Back to the land' mini-farmers, West USA and Canada, 198?

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

510 Non-Response:

> N: 44 %

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Attitudes to farming Code: F 4.4

The respondents were presented with a list of 25 alternative Measurement:

technologies (gardens, windmills, greenhouses etc) and asked, whether they employed the particular practises.

They were then requested to note the effectiveness of the

technologies they employed on a four point Likert-type scale from "not at all effective" to "very effective" in terms of 'providing

your family with independence or self-reliance'

Measured Values: range: 0 - 100

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a r=+.24 p<.001

Page in Report: 272 **BRINK 1997C** Study

Reported in: Brinkerhoff, M & Fredell, K & Frideres, J

Basic minimum needs, Quality of life and selected correlates: explorations in villages

Social Indicators Research, 42, p 245-281

Population: Adult, general public, two poor rural villages, Garhwal area, Northern India, 1996

Sample: Non-probability purposive-quota sample

Non-Response: 341

> N: not rep

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Attitudes to farming Code: F 4.4

Measurement: not reported

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a r=+.14 p<.05 O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a r=+.17 p<.005

Correlate Code: F 4

Reported in: Makarczyk, W.

**MAKAR 1962** 

Factors affecting life satisfaction among people in Poland.

Polish Sociological Bulletin, 1962, vol. 1, p. 105-116.

Population: Adults, general public, students and peasants excluded, Poland, 1960

Sample:

Study

Non-Response: 5%

N: 2387

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Concern about farming Code: F 4.4.1

Measurement: Single question: are you anxious about the future of your farm?

not anxious at all /rather not anxious / little anxious /very

anxi ous.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

 $O-SLW/u/sq/v/5/a \qquad T=.16 \qquad p<.001 \quad \text{Computed for farm owners and family only}.$ 

Study MOLNA 1985 Page in Report: 150/156

Reported in: Molnar, J.J.

Determinants of subjective well-being among farm operators: characteristics of the

Rural Sociology, Vol 50, 1985, pp. 141-162

Population: Farm operators, Alabama, USA, 1981

Sample:

Non-Response: 29,9%

N: 705

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Concern about farming Code: F 4.4.1

Measurement: 3-item index. The respondents were asked how they felt about the

following statements:

 If I had a son growing up at present, I would like to see him

become a farmer.

Even if his income has dropped to a low point, a farmer should try to stick it out so his children can

grow up on a farm.

3. Being my own boss is one of the major reasons I enjoy farming.

Rated on 5-point scales ranging from 'strongly disagree' to

'strongly agree'.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/cy/sq/I/9/a r=+.26 p<.05

Beta=+.2 p<.05 ß controlled for: gross farm sales, percent farm

income, total family income, off-farm work days, wife's work status, growth plans, land operated, economic constraints, self-definition, age, and

educati on.

When specified for size of farm:

-small  $\beta$ =+. 23 -medium  $\beta$ =+. 26

-I arge B=+. 20

Study

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Correlate Code: F 4

Reported in: Brinkerhoff, M & Jacob, J

**BRINK 1986A** 

Quality of life in an alternative lifestyle. The smallholding movement.

Social Indicators Research 18, p 153-173

Population: Back to the land' mini-farmers, West USA and Canada, 198?

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: 510

N: 44 %

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Self reliance Code: F 4.2.4

Measurement: Respondents were asked to rate themselves or their spouses

from very good to "not at all good" on eight back-to-the-land

skills:
-carpentry
-plumbing
-car repairs
-electrical work

-gardeni ng -sewi ng -spi nni ng

-veterinary skills

Measured Values: ranges from 8-32

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a r=+.16 p<.001

Correlate Code: F 4

Study BRINK 1986B Page in Report: table 4

Reported in: Brinkerhoff, M & Jacob, J

The role of religion on Quality of Life among participants in the Back-to -the-Land Paper presented on World congress of Sociology, New Delhi, India, August 18-22

1986

Population: 'back to the land' mini farmers, West USA and Canada, 1984

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: 554

N: 33.8%

## **Measured Correlate**

Class: Self reliance Code: F 4.2.4

Measurement: Respondents were presented with a list of 25 alternative

technologies (gardens, windmills, greenhouses etc.)
They were asked, whether they employed the particular

practises, and then requested to note the effectiveness of the technologies in terms of 'providing your family with independence

or self-reliance'.

Measured Values: Range: 1-100

Error Estimates: Cronbach's alfa: .72

Remarks:

# **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a r=+.24 p<.001

Correlate Code: F 4

Study BRINK 1986B Page in Report: table 4

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1986

Population: 'back to the land' mini farmers, West USA and Canada,1984

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: 554

N: 33.8%

## **Measured Correlate**

Class: Self reliance Code: F 4.2.4

Measurement: Single question:

'What percentage of food your family eats do you estimate is

produced on your property?'

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

# **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-H?/ $\frac{1}{r}$  r=+.19 p<.001

### Queries on Happiness used in reported Studies Appendix 1

Happiness Query Code Full Text

### O-BW/cy/sq/I/9/a

Selfreport on single question:

"Here is a picture of a ladder. At the bottom of the ladder is the worst life you might reasonably expect to have. At the top is the best life you might expect to have. Of course, life from week to week falls somewhere in between. Where was your life most of the time during the past year?"

9 best life you might expect to have

[7]

[6]

[5]

[4] [3]

[2]

[1] worst life you might expect to have

Name: Cantril's selfanchoring ladder rating (modified version)

Selfreport on single question:

Lead item not reported

Rated on a 7-step pictorial faces scale, presented on a card

(pictures not shown here) 7 smiling face, very happy

5

4 3

1 frowing face, very unhappy

### O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a

O-H?/?/sg/f/7/a

Selfreport on single question:

Lead item not reported Response options:

4 very happy

3 quite happy

2 not very happy

1 not at all happy

### O-HL/c/sq/v/5/a

Selfreport on single question:

"Taking all things together in your life, how would you say things are these days? Would you say you are ....?"

5 very happy

4 happy

3 neither happy nor unhappy

2 unhappy

1 very unhappy

# O-SLu/?/sq/I/5/a Selfreport on single question: "..... satisfaction with life ......" (full lead item not reported) Rated on a wooden miniature ladder, handed to the respondent [5] very satisfied [4] [3] [2] [1] very dissatisfied O-SLW/u/sq/v/5/a Selfreport on single question: "On the whole, are you satisfied with your life.....?" 5 definitely yes 4 rather yes 3 don't know 2 rather no 1 definitely no - no reply O-SLW/u/sa/v/5/d Selfreport on single question: "Taking your life as a whole, are you ......?" 5 very satisfied 4 quite satisfied 3 more satisfied than discontented 2 more discontented than satisfied quite dissatisfied In German: "Wenn Sie Ihr Leben jetzt alles in allem betrachten, sind Sie.....?"

2 eher unzufrieden1 ziemlich unzufrieden

5 sehr zufrieden4 ziemlich zufrieden3 eher zufrieden

On the web you will find an overview of valid queries on happiness and an explanation of the classification used. Go to: www.eur.nl/fsw/research/happiness/hap\_quer/hqi\_fp.htm. This is the introductary text to the Catalog of Happiness Queries.

# Appendix 2 Statistics used in reported studies

Symbol Explanation

r

Beta (ß) STANDARDIZED REGRESSION COEFFICIENT

Type: test statistic.

Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happinessl: metric.

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

beta > 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, higher happiness

rating.

beta < 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, lower happiness

rating.

beta = 0 « no correlation.

beta = + 1 or -1 « perfect correlation.

PRODUCT-MOMENT CORRELATION COEFFICIENT (Also "Pearson's correlation

coefficient' or simply 'correlation coefficient')

Type: test statistic.

Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

r = 0 « no correlation ,

r = 1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high happiness

values, and

r = -1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with low happiness

values.

R<sup>2</sup> COEFFICIENT of DETERMINATION

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happiness: metric

Range: [0; 1]

Meaning:

 $R^2 = 0$  « no influence of any correlate in this study has been established.

 $R^2 = 1$  « the correlates determine the happiness completely.

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Type: test statistic.

Measurement level: Correlate: nominal, Happiness: ordinal

Range: [0; SQRT[[min(r,c)-1]/[max(r,c)-1]]], c and r being the numbers of column resp.

rows in a cross tabulation.

Meaning:

T = 0 « no association

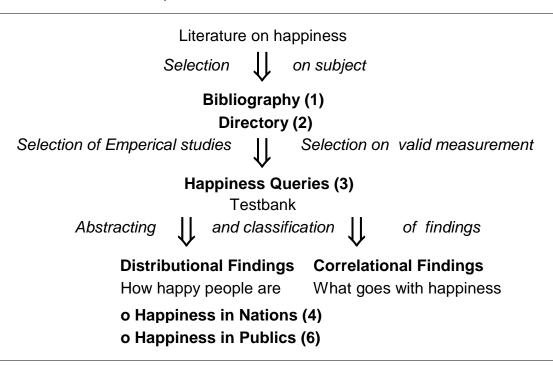
T -> 1 « strongest possible association.

NOTE: sometimes the square value is reported instead!

On the web you will find a text explaining the statistics used in more detail. Go to: www.eur.nl/fsw/research/happiness/hap\_cor/cor\_fp.htm. This is the introductory text to the Catalog of Correlational Findings. An overview of all statistics is in chapter 4.

# Appendix 3: About the World Database of Happiness

The World Database of Happiness is an ongoing register of scientific research on subjective appreciation of life. It brings together findings that are scattered throughout many studies and provides a basis for synthetic analysis. The research literature is processed as follows:



- 1 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF HAPPINESS Presents all contemporary scientific publications. Detailed subjectclassification. Current contents: 3422 titles, mainly in English.
- 2 DIRECTORY OF INVESTIGATORS Names and addresses of most authors on the subject. Enumerates years of publication. Current contents: 5818 names and 3073 addresses. Part of Bibliography.
- 3 CATALOG OF HAPPINESS QUERIES (testbank) Presents all indicators that tap happiness as defined here. Current content: 522 measures, mostly single questions. Queries are classified by focus, time reference, mode of observation, rating and wording.
- 4 CATALOG OF HAPPINESS IN NATIONS Presents distributional research findings, in particular responses to questions on happiness in national survey studies. Allows comparison across time and nations. Current content: 1889 surveys in 112 nations, 1946-2000.
- 5 CATALOG OF HAPPINESS IN PUBLICS Distributional findings on happiness in special publics within nations, such as aged people. Current contents: 705 studies. Part of Catalog of Correlational Findings.
- 6 CATALOG OF CORRELATIONAL FINDINGS Presents abstracts of correlational research findings. Detailed subject-classification. Allows comparison through time and across nations. Current contents: 7476 findings from 705 studies in 140 nations, 1911-2000.

# Appendix 4 Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

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